

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

**Ralph SCHLATT**

Group Art Unit:

Serial No : **10/564,526**

Examiner:

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For : **HOLDING DEVICE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to prosecution, please amend the instant application as follows: